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CANADA

On a recent buying trip managed to locate a small hoard of a certain Canadian "sleeper." Have had some experience with this variety and can safely say it would be missing in 99% of all Canadian collections! Nor would a $5.00 or $10.00 bill secure it in a hurry from any of hundreds of dealers.

For prompt acceptance, here's an unusual offer: The above "sleeper" plus a full two-year mail subscription service for only $2.00. You will receive at infrequent intervals over a period of two years, various notes and articles, check lists, etc., all dealing with Canadian philately as published by myself, all post paid. Worth hundreds of dollars to anyone at all interested in Canadian stamps.

Have a couple other good items well worth $3.00 more which could add if an extra dollar is sent. This would then cover a three-year subscription service. Not many of this additional offer so will refund the extra dollar if sold out.

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BUYING

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A fine possession of the 2c carmine issue of George 5th was shown me some weeks ago by a client, an upper two rows of plate 90 (20) stamps in aniline red and which is referred to in the work of Hon. Geo. C. Marler. Mention is also made in the plate block catalog by Major K. Hamilton White, that analine dyes are found between plates 17 and 94. This particular piece however is an excellent illustration of an unusually deep analine printing which makes a fine addition to the owners collection. —Aubrey Kelson.

Canadian Mint Plate Blocks

These have been very popular especially since the acquisition of the Grimmer stock—something like 20% of our January business was in plate blocks. If you haven't checked our November or January listings DO NOT DELAY. Better still send that want list for any you need between Nos. 268 to 341 inclusive.

BAHAMAS—BARBADOS—BERMUDA—DOMINICA

These four B.W.I. Colonies are listed in our No. 19 offers and have gained a lot of friends by their completeness and reasonable prices. Still 95% available and your order, or want list of these Colonies will have early attention.

United States 20th Century Mint

An accumulation of these in mint condition have been placed with us for disposal—catalogue value exceeds $40,000.00. Particularly strong in the issues from Nos. 551-771 in singles, blocks, plate blocks, etc., etc. A large list of these will appear in our next offers—ready March 1st. Meanwhile come in on the ground floor by sending in your current list. Prices will meet with your approval as will the stamps.

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Popular Stamps

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A NEW VOLUME

With this issue we begin the first of Volume XIX. We are not going to make any extravagant promises of expansion, new features, novel innovations or such. All we will say is that we will endeavor to keep P.S. to the familiar standard it has been for some time past.

In taking inventory it is pleasing to find so many of the subscribers who came to us in 1941 and 42 who are with us in 1956, also those advertisers who have been with us steadily all those years. Some of our readers, also advertisers have dropped away, yet month by month new readers come in. We welcome these new people. They join a select company who collect Canada philatelic material and study the story of this Dominion as revealed in the postal emissions and Post Office service since and before confederation.

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NEW CANCEL

In recent mail we have seen a new cancellation pmk. At least we have just noticed it. Two before me come from London, Ont., and Regina, Sask. This differs from the familiar one, circle pmk. of seven-eights of an inch diameter, in that this new item is made up of two circles. The outer circle is 1⅜ inch in diameter and the inner circle 1 & 1/16 inch in diameter with name of post office between the two circles and date in center of inner circle. To date we haven't received a clear enough impression of the cancel to further describe it.

Mr. G. Smith of Winnipeg, one of our advertisers was stricken with serious illness in January and was obliged to discontinue his stamp interests.

1956 B.N.A. CATALOGUE

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Cobden, Ontario, February, 1956.

SUGGEST WHITE TAIL DEER

An Ottawa columnist in another publication states the P.O..D. have a 4c Caribou stamp and a 5c Mountain Goat stamp slated for this April's Wildlife Week. If this is right it's too bad the P.O.D. couldn't consider our Ontario white tail deer, an elk or black bear, not to mention other animals. The caribou has been done in stamps to no end by Newfoundland, now our latest province, and as regards mountain wildlife they've already given us the Bighorn Sheep—such as it was. We would nominate the Ontario deer as worthy of consideration and a subject model that would look well on a stamp.

TRIBUTE TO A. K. GRIMMER

Another good friend of philately has gone from our ranks with the passing of Mr. A. K. Grimmer of Temiskaming, P.Q. He will be missed by many, his good nature and kindliness was appreciated by all who knew him and had dealings with him. His great work was the mapping and postal history of P.E.I. and although he collected various countries his favorites were the stamps of Canada, for many years the small cent issues appealed strongly to him and of the rare 3c, 12½ perf he had quite an assortment up to a year or so ago.

The loss to our hobby of many strong supporters during the past ten years has been heavy and their usefulness is not easily replaced. Mr. Grimmer so well known in his home province, New Brunswick, was a favorite with all collectors here and his passing will be much regretted by his many friends throughout the Maritimes—Aubrey Kelson.

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The HOLLOW TREE

By Ed. Richardson

#298—Queen Victoria Mourning Covers

Back in packets No. 65 and No. 227 I mentioned two Queen Victoria Mourning Covers I had managed to purchase for my collection.

In 1945, in the Black Book of the Stamp Specialist, I wrote a very short article about these covers, entitled "Canada Mourns Her Beloved Queen." The inspiration for the title came from a cover I had seen in the Fred Jarrett collection, but which I did not own. It has taken me ten years to find another but I finally made it!

It has a ¼ in. black border on all sides,—has a black space for the stamp, surrounded by a frame of fancy scroll work. Above this space are the dates "1837-1901",—the years of Queen Victoria's reign. To the left in three lines "Canada Mourns/—Her—/Beloved Queen" in old English fancy serifed type.

Also, has anyone seen, or own a copy of a Victoria Mourning Cover which has four heavy black lines forming a box around the stamp space,—the lines crossing at the corners? I have a used stamp on a piece with this design, and wonder about the rest of the design. Can anyone come to my assistance?

#299—King Edward 2c Plate #70

In both the first and second editions of "The Canada Plate Block Catalogue" by Major White, and published by the Stanley Stamp Co., is illustrated a beautiful and scarce strip of the 2c King Edward from Plate #70. This same strip was used to illustrate Bogg's "Canada."

This is the strip with "7" reversed and with the addition of "TOP." Always wanted and needed this particular plate number, and now my collection has in it the very strip used for the illustrations mentioned above.

It's funny about some things,—you go along quite well for awhile in making progress on your collection, —and then seem to hit a place where new additions just don't come along no matter how many dealers and collectors you contact. So you go to work on another part of your collection. Then when you least expect it, —all at once you make several additions,—and it serves to awaken new interest in the old collection!

#300—Diamond Jubilee "Essays"

In a recent auction sale I noted a lot listed in the Canada section, described as "1897—Diamond Jubilee complete set of seven essays." My curiosity arcused I took the opportunity to look 'em over. I never had heard of any Essays for this issue, and if they were okay I sure wanted them in my own collection. What were they?

If you have a copy of Fred Melville's "Phantom Philately" look under Great Britain (not Canada), and you will find one of the values illustrated. To quote Melville "In the year of the Diamond Jubilee a London firm had a series of seven 'Commemorative Stamps' prepared in several designs portraying the members of the Royal Family. They are lithographed in color on white paper, and perforated, and although they do not claim to be 'postage' stamps they are in seven denominations as follows:

"Small Size Stamps

"½d purple-brown (Queen Victoria)
"1d orange (Queen Victoria)
"1½d green (Queen Victoria)
"2d purple (Price Edward of Wales)

"Large Size Stamps

"3d red (King Edward and Queen

Alexandra)
"4d blue (King Edward and Queen Alexandra)
"6d grey (King George and Queen Mary)

"They were sold by the London street hawkers, and M. Moens mentions them as being on sale at a stamp dealer's in Ostend; they were a private speculation of philatelic interest."

Auction houses cannot be expected to know the full story about every bit of sideline material submitted to them for sale. No doubt some collector offered these for sale thru their auction medium in good faith. But since others may appear on the market I have taken up a lot of space to give you full particulars.

As Great Britain—yes, as Canada —no. As poster seals or souvenir seals—yes, as Essays for postage stamps—no.

There you have it folks,—this completes #300 of the Hollow Tree which began in Popular Stamps, in April 1948. When we started we doubted if we would ever reach #100. Now we are hoping that enough interesting and unusual kinds of philatelic material will come along to make #500 a real possibility. We hope you like the unusual too,— and will be with us at packet #500.

Your Answer

Those writing us queries on Canadian stamp matters will find our reply in this column in the future, particularly if enquirer has not enclosed the customary stamp for reply. Often the individual inquirer raises a question that others of our readers may be interested in and when we have spent the time to look up the answer we reserve the right to pass it along to all in this column. We do not promise to be able to answer every question.

F. S. M., Calif.—Query: I wish to acquire a periodical which will enable me to prove my Canadian stamps a sound investment; also where to buy good Canadian stamps and what to buy.

Ans: Holmes & Associates Specialized Philatelic Catalogue of Canada & British North America, price $7.00, helps you know your Canadian stamps. As to where to buy it and your Canadian stamps consult the ads in Popular Stamps.

B.S.C., New York — We have a Souvenir Album containing Canadian stamps printed in 1952 and believed prepared by the P.O. Dept. to give to delegates to the U.P.U. congress in Brussells in that year. We believe less than 50 were prepared. Can you tell us how many?

Ans: Holmes 1954 specialized catalog of B.N.A. lists 450. It is not among the small editions, where only one was prepared for the late King of England, or in some other instances where 5, 10, or 20 only were prepared for presentation to officials of some particular country. Incidently these items are known to the trade as presentation booklets, and are not available on the market too often.

J. J. Calgary—In your January issue in "B.N.A. Auction Prices" is listed "Mint block of $1.00 Ferry overprinted "G" price realized $100. Is this a misprint as the price seems high?

Ans: Thanks for calling our attention to this error. The quotation should have read "$1.00 Ferry, Plate 1, matched set, all 4 positions, VF-superb (O25). That does make a difference, doesn't it!

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EQUADOR—3 Vals., Pictorial Air mail set.

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FRANCE — 1 Value, Deportation issue.

ISRAEL—4 Vals., additional tribes issue.

TRANSJORDAN — 4 Vals., new postage opts.

Canadian Prime Ministers Stamps

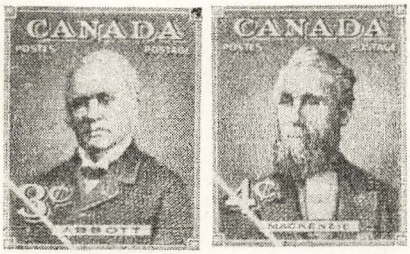
In 1951 the Canada Post Office started bringing out a series of Prime Ministers commemoratives. Eight have appeared and are illustrated herewith. Two stamps appeared in each release, and we print with each set the first day of issue and the names and pertinent data connected as furnished in Post Office releases at the time of their issuance.

It will be noted that no effort was made by the Post Office to bring the stamps out in chronological order as regards tenure of office by the different ministers—just why, we do not know.

JUNE 25th, 1951

(3c) Rt. Hon Sir Robert Laird Borden, Prime Minister from October 10, 1911 to July 10, 1920.

(4c) Rt. Hon. Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King, from Dec. 29, 1921 to Aug. 6, 1930 and Oct. 23, 1935 to Nov. 15, 1948, when he retired.



NOVEMBER 3, 1952

(3c) Hon. Sir John C. Abbott, June 6, 1891 to Dec. 5, 1892.

(4c) Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, from Nov. 7, 1873 to October, 1878.

NOVEMBER 1, 1954

(5c) Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, from Dec. 21, 1894 to April 27, 1896.

(4c) Rt. Hon. Sir John Sparrow David Thompson, from Dec. 5, 1892 to Dec. 12, 1894.

NOVEMBER 8, 1955

(4c) Rt. Hon. Richard Bedford Bennett, from Aug. 7, 1930 to October 23, 1935.

(5c) Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, from May 1, 1896 to July 8, 1896.

Those making up a page of these stamps should include the stamps brought out in 1927 honouring Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, former Prime Ministers. Sir John was honoured on a 1c stamp and Sir Wilfrid on a 5c stamp, and both appeared together on a 12c stamp of the same series.

Three deaf ladies were travelling on top of an open bus. "Windy, isn't it?" said one.

"No, it isn't Wednesday, it's Thursday," said the second one.

"Yes, I'm thirsty too. Let's all get off and have something to drink," said the third.

Plate Block Charlie Says:

A new year, but the same old troubles. We still have plenty of blank spaces in our albums for the older issues. I am hoping the dealers —three of them—who have my want list, will be able to fill in a few of them for me this year.

I note one eastern dealer list has omitted everything between No. 227 and No. 268. It is this group that I have been advising plate block collectors to go after.

While I do not believe there are enough of these older issues to fill all wants, I do believe there are plenty of them, or rather a lot of them held as duplicates by collectors. This could be a good time to dispose of them and make a few collectors happy.

I note prices of $9.00 for the dollar fish No. 302. I do not know why. I believe there are post offices with some of them still in stock. I know of one office that had several panes of them before Christmas. There must be other offices with them also.

I wonder how many sets of the coronation are being sold at the prices asked by dealers? Not very many I'll bet. Plenty of these are in collectors hands.

Why so high an asking price for the 1953 Queen 3c Plate 4? True it was the last plate of this value to be issued before the new Queen, 1954 came out, but that is no reason for the high price asked at this time. They were scarce a year ago because no one had seen very many of them, but since then plenty of them have been around. I think plenty of them are in collectors hands and no doubt as is the case with the coronations, dealers have plenty of them.

I have seen far fewer of the 2c green P6 of the 1953 issue, than P4 of the 3c, yet the price asked for these is less than half what is being asked for the 3c P4. Let us hope dealers know what they are doing, and at the same time, let us hope we collectors know what we are doing.

I may be sticking my long scrawny neck out, and get something heavy and sharp dropped on it, but the above are my thoughts. Don't get too far behind with the current plates. If you are short any positions after a reasonable time, get them from your dealer. It is better to pay double face for them now, than to pay four or five times face for them later on. Get what you can at face from the post office, then fill in from your dealer.

Some of our recent commemoratives are not too plentifull. The Sask-Alta. Jubilee and Scout Jamboree for instance. Particularly the Sask-Alta. Jubilee.

By the time this in print our hockey stamp will have been issued and on its way out. With only the one plate for this one there should be plenty of them to go round.

With a new dollars stamp possible this year don't wait too long to complete your Totem sets. Look what is being asked for the dollar fish.

I hope to be around here when the flower sets are issued, if issued in colors. If they are flat looking as some of our recent issues who wants to be around.

Too bad our animals series can't be shown on the double size stamp.

Glad to have been with you. Cheerio and good hunting.

O.H.M.S. CHECKLIST NOW AVAILABLE

Announced last September but held up until first of this year, collectors of Canadian stamps will find the latest complete information of the stamps issued for, and used only in Canadian Government Departments, in a new Checklist prepared by Roy Wrigley, of West Vancouver. The first Checklist of these stamps was issued by the B.C. Philatelic Society in 1942, and listed 147 varieties. The method of identifying the eight A to H perforation positions had been created by C. B. D. Garrett, of Horseshoe Bay, in 1939.

This was followed by Checklists by Garrett in 1947 listing 191 varieties, by Gordon in 1948 with 240 varieties again by Garrett in 1949 with 266 varieties, then Gordon, whose list was brought out by Eaton of Stanley Stamp Co., in 1950 with 322 varieties. After years of specialization, Roy Wrigley has issued a 16-page Checklist identifying 890 var-

ieties, which sells for $1.50. It illustrates the method of perforating by the P.O. Dept. of the regular Canadian postage stamps, for exclusive use of Government mail. It is interesting to note that while many commercial firms have initials perforated into their stamps, to ensure their use for the company's mail, and not for private use, in the case of the Government, the perforated O.H.M.S. in their stamps was essentially for ease in accounting the amount of postal service each Dept. used.

The Government perforater O.H.M.S. with five holes commencing with the 1912 King George V 'Crown' of 1c to $1 values was carried through to the 1939 Royal Visit issue, the Airmails, and Special Delivery. The perforating was changed to four holes with the 1935 King George V R.C.M.P stamp, the 1937 King George VI, through the Royal Visit, War, Peace, and Revised, Airmail and Special Delivery isues.

The perforating method was discontinued, and the stamps overprinted O.H.M.S. commencing with the 1949 War issue. The overprinting O.H.M.S. was changed to 'G' with the 1950 Revised issue, and is used by all Government Depts. today. Certain Government stationery, postbands and envelopes were perforated, and overprinted. These are quite rare.

Collectors are always watching for certain of the O.H.M.S., to find those few with a missing period. Then, in one row of stamps, the spacing between the overprinting is narrow, compared with the other nine rows.

The prize error however, is in the 10c "Fur" 1950 issue, where in some sheets of fifty stamps the 'G' is entirely missing from one stamp. The first one discovered sold for $500.00, but are valued today at $75.00 by collectors interested in these Canadian stamps.

One point might be added in the above: The P.O. Dept. has a record of the number of every stamp, back to the 3 penny Beaver, with one exception. They have no record of number of 5 and 4-hole perforated OHMS. This is one factor leading to the difficulty in arriving at the scarcity, and value of certain of these stamps.

Editorial Note: — Roy Wrigley started collecting in Toronto in 1895. With his Canada Postage, Revenues, and Stationery well along, he specialized on the Official. His collection of 524 out of 890 varieties was awarded Silver Medal at the BNAPS Exhibit, at Hartford in October. His newly isued CANADA OFFICIALS CHECK LIST added 568 varieties over the previously issued Checklist, and has been widely acclaimed by interested collectors.

NORTH TORONTO EXHIBITION

The North Toronto Stamp Club (CPS Chapter 5) announces that its 13th annual exhibition will be a two-day affair this year, a new departure. The display at North Toronto Memorial Gardens, 180 Eglinton Ave. W., will be open free of charge to the public on Saturday, March 24, from 1.30 to 10.00 p.m., and on Sunday, March 25, from 1.30 to 6.00. It is expected that some 200 frames of stamps will be on display.

The feature attraction will be a selection from one of the outstanding collections on this continent, an extremely fine exhibit of some early European classics. In addition will be seen two very important exhibits of material rarely if ever seen on display. One of these is a complete collection of Swahililand. This East African territory was transferred to Great Britain by Germany in exchange for Heligoland. Before World War II there were only 25 complete collections of Swahililand in existence, most of which were destroyed or damaged in the bombardments of Hamburg. The second exhibit is a probably unique collection of essays, die proofs, color proofs and booklets of Bavaria, (1911-20, Kingdom to Republic). This is the only time that these will be shown intact, for the owner intends to break up the collection.

On Saturday, March 24, there will be a bourse at which visitors may examine or purchase material from the CPS and NTSC sales books, and from the stock of some of the leading dealers of the Toronto area.

Skipper: "What did that seasick carpenter say when you asked him if you could bring him anything?"

Cook: "He said, 'Bring me an island."

EASTER SEALS ADOPTED IN ALL TEN PROVINCES

Many readers will be interested to learn that the National issue of Easter Seals first printed in 1949 in English as well as English and French will for the first time this year be distributed in each of the ten Canadian Provinces.

Public distribution which is made by Provincial organizations, affiliated with the Canadian Council for Crippled Children and Adults, will be made in March.

Meantime, the various collector items including Blocks, Imperfs., P.C.P.'s, in sets of all years or individually, will be made available.

Interest in these Seals has grown considerably since first issue; the designs are distinctive and attractive, mostly in several colors making them a nice addition to any stamp collection. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

WHA' TIZ ZIT? F.D. OR D.D.!

An article in a Calgary newspaper brings to light something a bit out of the ordinary in first day covers. It appears that after cover fans, of which there are a great number in Calgary, posted their covers to F.D. collectors both at home and abroad for the New Hockey stamp on January 23rd, the covers turned up at their destinations postmarked Jan. 23, 1955, instead of 1956.

Post Office officials were flabbergasted. The covers were specially cancelled with a hand stamp for clear postmarking instead of being run through the electric cancelling machine.

At this distance we can only guess at what happened. After turn of a new year we find ourselves that it takes us till about the first of February each new year to keep from dating the occasional letter or memo with year date figures of the past year. Perhaps the same habit confused the clerk when setting up the canceller. Or if this particular hand stamp is reserved for F.D. covers, it may not have been in service since used on the last new stamps in 1955 and when set up for the Hockey stamps the clerk changed the month and day date but forgot the year date and it appeared as when last used in 1955.

But here's a F.D. cover and yet not such a cover. It's postmarked a year before the stamp was even made. Can the P.O. do anything about it? They were to go into a huddle about it, but what can they do! They might devise a rubber stamp, such as are used in fire damage, rail or sea disaster, marking the error. But try and get the return of all the covers that may have been addressed to places from Halifax to Timbucto. We can't see it. In fact if I had one of these predated covers I'd be disposed to hang on to it and perhaps prize it more than it's up-to-date brother from Ottawa on Jan. 23, 1956.

HAS ODDITY ENVELOPE

I have an interesting item of Postal Stationery, Holmes 1076a the 3c overprinted 5c except that the copy I have has the overprint on a blank envelope except for a very slight trace of purple ink. One has to look close to notice the trace of purple ink at all and it bears no resemblance to the 3c stamp at all so that the overprint is all that is really noticeable on the envelope. Oddly enough this envelope was purchased in a package from the Philatelic Branch, Post Office Department, Ottawa. — M. L. Brown.

AD CORRECTION

In Loyalist Stamps ad in January issue item 330 .04c Cor. Pl. 4 comp. should have priced at $2.00 instead of $4.00. The reiteration of 4's in the item must have influenced committing of this error.

Aubrey Kelson

144 Elliott Row

Saint John, - N.B., Canada

BARBADOS

	M	U
14 1p pr VF ..	—	9.00
50 ½p	—	.25
56 1/-	—	1.00
60 ½p	—	.12
61 1p	—	.15
62a 2½p	—	.20
63 3p	.75	—
64 4p	—	1.00
65 4p	.35	.20
66 6p	2.25	—
67 1/-	2.00	—
68 5/-	—	8.50
69 Opt.	.12	.12
70 ¼p	.07	.07
71 ½p	.08	.05
72 1p	.08	.05
73 2p	.50	—
74 2½p	.35	.12
75 5p	—	.85
76 6p	.85	—
77 8p	—	.85
78 10p	—	1.25
79 2/6	—	3.75
80 2/6	6.00	—
81 ¼p	.12	.14
82 ¼p	—	.12
83 1p	.40	.28
84 2½p	—	.45
85 5p	2.00	—
86 6p	3.00	—
87 8p	2.50	—
88 10p	4.00	—
89 2/6	5.00	—
90 ¼p	—	.10

	M	U
91 ¼p	.10	.10
92 ½p	.17	.08
93 1p	.20	.06
94 1p	.12	.08
95 2p	.80	—
96 2½p	.45	.15
97 6p	2.15	—
99 8p	1.25	—
100-1/-	2.15	—
101 2/6	5.60	—
102 ¼p	.28	.25
103 ½p	.30	.25
104 1p	.30	.15
105 2p	1.55	1.50
106 2½p	1.40	1.50
107 6p	2.50	—
108 1/-	3.15	—
109 1/-	.75	.45
116 ¼p	.10	.09
117 ½p	.12	.10
118 1p	.12	.09
119 2p	.80	—
120 2½p	.50	.25
121 3p	.60	—
122 4p	1.00	—
123 6p	1.25	—
124 1/-	2.30	2.25
125 2/-	6.50	—
126 3/-	8.50	—
127 ¼p	.06	.06
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132 3p	.70	.85
133 4p	.60	—
134 4p	.40	—
135 6p	.65	—
136 1/	1.25	1.25
137 2/-	—	2.25
138 3/-	9.50	—
139 3/-	6.25	—
140 ¼p	.12	—
141 ½p	.12	.12
142 1p	.15	.15
143 2p	.55	—
144 2½p	.55	—
145 3p	.55	—
146 4p	.55	—
147 6p	.65	—
148 1/-	1.75	—
149 2/-	3.10	—
150 3/-	4.50	—
151 1p	.25	.25
155 2p OC	—	.10
156 2½ OC	.18	—
158 6p	.60	—
159 1/- OC	3.50	—
160 2/-	2.75	—
161 3/- OC	3.50	—
162 3p	.35	—
163 4p	.40	—
164 1/-	2.00	—
165 ¼p	.04	.04
166 ½p	.04	.02
167 1p	.04	.03
168 1½p	.10	.07
169 2p	.10	—
170 10p	.15	.10
171 3p	.28	.20
172 3p	.40	—
173 4p	.30	—
174 6p	.38	.40
175 1/-	1.10	—
176 1/-	.90	—
177 2/-	2.00	1.75
178 2/6	2.25	—
179 3/-	3.70	—
180 1p	.20	—
186-9 Jub.	2.40	2.75
190 1p	.04	.05
191 1½p	—	.08
192 2½p	.09	—
190-2	—	.22
193 ½p	.07	.03
193a ½p	.02	.02
194 1p	.40	.10
194a 1p	.04	.02

	M	U
195 1½p	.06	.02
195a 2p	.30	.14
195b 2p	.07	.05
196 2½p	.10	.08
197 3p	.14	.10
197a 3p	.10	.08
198 4p	.10	.06
199 6p	.12	.08
199a 8p	.55	.60
200 1/-	.20	.12
200a 1/- OC	1.25	—
201 2/6	.55	.40
201a 5/-	1.10	1.50
202 ½p	—	.12
203 1p	—	.18
204 1½p	—	.22
202-O6	1.75	1.75
207 8	.12	.14
209 1p Opt.	.50	—
210-11 Sil Wed	1.35	—
212-15 UPU	.55	.55
216-27	4.00	—
230-3	.30	.35
B1B	.55	—
J1	.07	—
J2	.12	—
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1-8	9.00	
9	.45	
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134 "	.40
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179 "		.14
180 "		.14
181 "		.18
182 "		.18
183 "		.35
205 "		.20
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230 "		.25
238 "		.10
239 "		.14
240 "		.16
263 "		.08
264 "		.12
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266 "		.14
267 "		.20
278 "		.10
279 "		.16
280 "		.18
281 "		.20
295 "		.10
296 "		.14
297 "		.08
298 "		.12
299 "		.10
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332 "		.10
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	M	U
34	.12	.12
35	—	.04
35e	—	1.00
36	—	.05
36d	—	.40
37	—	.10
37c	—	.08
37e	—	.60
39	—	.45
41	—	.03
42b	—	.15
44	—	.18
44a	—	.25
44b	—	.20

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	M	U
44c	—	.20
47	—	.80
50	1.85	—
51	.10	.10
52	.18	.18
53	.18	.05
54	.50	—
55	3.60	—
56	1.00	—
57	1.60	—
58	2.75	—
59	3.25	—
60	3.85	—
66	.07	.08
67	.15	.06
68	.18	.04
69	.25	.03
70	1.00	.15
71	.80	.80
72	1.00	.40
73 OC	4.50	—
74	.04	.04
74a	.05	.06
75	.25	.03
76	.10	.03
76c	—	.20
77	.35	.02
77a	.50	.03
78	.25	.03
79	—	.06
80	2.00	—
81 OC	.60	.40
83	2.50	—
84	11.00	—
85	.40	.15
86	.45	.15
86a	.50	.15
87	.20	.18
88	.25	.08
89	.18	.03
90	—	.03
91	—	.04
92	—	.07
93	4.00	.25
94	—	.75
95	20.00	—
96	.10	.12
97	.20	.15
98	.15	.05
99	1.25	—
104	.10	.03
104d	.15	.03
105	.10	.03
106	.12	.04
107	.07	.03
107a	.15	—
108	.12	.03

	M	U
109	.09	.03
110	.30	.05
111	1.10	.04
112	.15	.03
112a	.20	.25
112c	.45	.50
113	.28	.06
114	.22	.20
115	.50	.25
116	2.50	.05
117	.35	.04
118	.40	.03
119	1.25	.03
120	—	.12
120a	—	.40
122	1.60	.12
123	1.75	.75
124	1.75	.85
125	.18	.04
125a	.20	.05
126	.06	.05
127	.40	.03
128	.18	.03
129	.08	.02
130	1.10	.10
126a	.65	—
126b	7.50	—
128a	.50	—
128b	7.50	—
131	.08	—
131a	.60	—
132	.65	.70
134	.18	—
135	.30	.03
136	1.15	—
137	2.00	—
138	.55	—
139 OC	1.65	1.50
140	.55	—
141	.08	.03
142	.05	.02
143	.16	.08
144	.10	.06
145	.30	.10
146	.10	.06
147	.20	.12
148	.35	.12
149	.05	.03
150	.07	.02
151	.50	.30
152	.12	.08
153	.10	.06
154	.20	.09
155	.20	.04
156	.25	.15
157	.45	.16
158	4.25	1.25

	M	U
159	—	2.00
160	.70	.70
161	.20	.05
162	04	.03
163	.06	.02
163b	.06	.03
164	.05	.03
165	.06	.03
165a	.05	.03
166	.06	.02
166b	.20	.20
167	.06	.03
168	.14	.06
169	.10	.08
169a	.10	—
170	.10	.03
170a	—	.10
171	.40	.30
172	.15	.12
173	.30	.06
174	.25	.12
175	.45	.04
176	7.50	.25
177	3.75	.75
178	.20	.20
179	.07	.07
180	.06	.04
181	.08	.05
182	.09	.03
183	.16	.03
184	.09	.07
190	.20	.02
191	.07	.02
191a	.14	.10
192	.06	.03
193	.18	.07
194	.34	.15
195	.05	.02
195c	.10	.05
196	.05	.03
197	.07	.03
197b	.10	.04
198	1.25	.15
200	.28	.10
201	.42	.08
202	.35	.08
203	1.20	.30
204	.35	.12
205	.10	.05
206	.20	.03
207	.13	.03
208	.18	.04
209	.85	,40
210	.20	.18
210b	.50	.50
211	.04	.03
212	.05	.03

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Continued

	M	U
213	.07	.03
214	.20	.15
215	.20	.12
216	1.00	.50
217	.04	.02
218	.04	.02
219	.06	.02
220	.15	.02
221	.10	.02
222	.15	.07
223	.20	.02
224	.25	.04
225	.35	.04
226	.95	.25
227	1.70	.60
228	.07	.02
229	.10	.02
230	.11	.02
231	.04	.02
232	.05	.02
233	.06	.02
234	.18	.03
235	.10	.02
236	.15	.04
237	.06	.03
238	.05	.02
239	.07	.03
240	.08	.02
241	.20	.02
241a	.18	.02
242	.25	.03
243	.35	.03
244	1.00	.18
245	2.00	.35
246	.07	.02
247	.06	.02
248	.08	.02
250	.05	.02
251	.07	.02
252	.06	.02
253	.15	.04
254	.07	.02
255	.10	.02
256	.12	.02
257	.25	.02
258	.35	.08
259	.24	.03
260	.34	.02
261	.95	.12
262	1.75	.27
263	.04	.02
264	.05	.03
265	.10	.05
266	.07	.03
267	.09	.03
268	.12	.04
269	.18	.02
270	.22	.02
271	.32	.02
272	.90	.15
273	1.75	.26
274	.05	.02
275	.06	.02
276	.06	.02
277	.05	.02
278	.04	.05
279	.07	.08
280	.07	.05
281	.09	.08
282	.05	.02
283	.05	.03
284	.04	.02
285	.06	.02
286	.05	.02
287	.07	.02
288	.08	.03
289	.04	.02
290	.07	.02
291	.06	.02
292	.07	.02
293	.09	.07
294	.70	.20
295	.94	.05
296	.06	—
297	.04	.03
298	.06	—
299	.05	.03
300	.12	—
301	.14	.02
302	1.85	.35
303	.06	.02
304	.07	.02
305	.04	.02
306	.07	.02
309	.05	.03
310	.08	.05
311	.10	.02
312	.20	.15
313	.14	.05
314	.18	.06
315	.05	.02
316	.25	.02
317	.06	.02
318	.06	.03
319	.07	.03
320	.10	.03
321	1.25	.35
322	.05	.03
323	.05	.03
324	.07	.03
325	.03	.03
326	.04	.03
327	.05	.03
328	.06	.03
329	.08	.03
330	.06	.03
331	.04	.05
332	.05	.06
333	.07	.07
334	.65	.18
335	.07	.02
336	.08	.02
337	.18	.05
338	.02	.02
339	.03	.02
340	.04	.02
341	.05	.03
342	.07	.02
343	.09	.03
346	.08	—
344	.04	.03
345	.07	—
347	.07	.03
348	.08	.03
349	.14	.03
350	.07	.03
351	.08	.03
352	.05	.03
353	.07	.02
354	.07	.03
355	.07	.03
356	.07	.03
C1	.38	.18
C2	2.25	2.00
C3	.30	.18
C4	.65	.65
C5	.14	.08
C6	.14	.04
C7	.42	.10
C8	.11	.03
C9	.11	.02
CE1	.28	.30
CE2	.28	.20
CE3	.50	—
CE4	.25	.30
E1	2.00	.85
E1a	2.50	—
E3	.38	.50
E4	1.50	.75
E5	.65	.70
E6	.35	.30
E7	.25	.10
E8	.75	.85
E9	.40	.40
E10	.18	.10
E11	.18	.08

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RAMBLING GOSSIP

By Mufti

A note of interest appeared in "Stamps" of December 31st which had an amusing side to it and referred to the new edition of Scott's USA specialist catalog which stated it contained a new section, one on "Distilled Spirits" but it carried on to say excise stamps, however upon first reading the notice quickly one assumed a difference in meaning. In the same edition of this weekly a New York gentleman speaks of special courtesies extended to collectors by the USA post office authorities. Keeping in mind the great number of visitors to our country it would be well if our postal service extended the same courtesies to them here and avoid continually referring them to Ottawa for special items they want in our issues they require upon their visit here.

Noted in Gibbons Monthly from London is a report that a new rotary direct plate machine which was experimented by Waterlow and Sons Ltd. is being used by them through their subsidary company operated in Brussels and that the new Nigeria 2d will be printed by this process in Belgium, though it will carry the usual Waterlow imprint.

A friend of mine has air mailed me from London that the Pakistan overprint for the United Nations anniversary issue were all sold out by November 7th and were on sale only for 15 days, that there seem none left in wholesalers hands, but some sets have been offered by retailers at 5/- per set. So here we go again with another commemorative disappearing in a few short weeks. In the long run it pays to subscribe to a dependable new issue service.

British Solomon Isles new Queen Elizabeth pictorials is to be released on March 1st and appears to be an interesting set which will include new values of a 5d and 8d denomination and just a possibility of a 20/- stamp, but why the latter item I cannot fathom.

The Royal Visit for Nigeria 1956 should arrive shortly and likely be a popular issue.

Coming in due course but date of issue not yet known is the Trans-Antarctic expedition stamp overprinted on the 1p Queen Falkland issue, the problem confronting us will be the stamp in used condition, as covers with this stamp may be very scarce.

I not in "S C" of London a boost for the $2 and $5 stamps of the last Presidential issue. With such a long run as this set had one would have expected lots of them on the market, but apparently overseas this is not the case and really superb copies may be hard to find there.

Well our Hockey stamp is here and no doubt will be a big seller. If our boys overseas make that championship it would increase the popularity of the stamp very considerably. I hope the boys make it.

Cheerio everybody till next time.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Regina, Sask., Jan. 14, 1956.

The Editor,
Popular Stamps.

What happened to the Q.E. 1953 3c Plate 4? I dare not guess at the number of times this question has been asked. Even the slightest clue to it would have been welcome many times. I venture to give such a clue. Of all the rumors that have made the rounds, there is one that I always considered the most likely; that plate 4 of this stamp was piled under in the vaults at Ottawa, with the new (1954) Q.E. Issue, and when that piling is cleared off, we will again, get plate 4 of the 3c 1953.

I bought a half dozen lower rights in Plate Blocks No. 4 of the Scott No. 327 Q.E. 3c 1953 yesterday in one of our Sub-Post Offices here in Regina. And I am looking for more of them. May I suggest that we have now come to the end of plates 1, 2 and 3, and that we are now going to get plate 4. Granting that the last plate of each denomination may or may not be a short issue, it remains to be seen how many more of plate 4 are yet to come. It would be most interesting to hear if other collectors are also picking up this plate 4 at this time.—B.D.

Two motorists met on a bridge too narrow for two cars to pass. "I never back up for an idiot," yelled one driver.

"That's all right," said the other shifting into reverse, "I always do."

Stamp Twins Re-united in Montreal

(Reprinted from "Stamps Magazine"

A used-in-the-U.S. pair of Canada's 7½-pence green of 1857, which had been cut apart and lost to each other for 30 years, is now in New York, awaiting sale in the Jan. 25-26 B.N.A. auction of Harmer, Rooke & Co. The story, as told by the present owner of the "Pembina Twins," goes like this:

A Canadian fur trader, who wanted to avoid the censorship of the Hudson's Bay Company, posted a letter on Nov. 2, 1858, at the year-old U.S. post office at Pembina, a town on the Red River in the extreme northeast corner of what is now North Dakota. Pembina is about 65 miles down the Red River from Fort Garry (now Winnipeg), where the settlers had opened their own post office a few years earlier. The two 7½-pence stamps had probably been purchased at Fort Garry, which exchanged mails with Pembina.

The pair eventually became part of a collection whose owner needed money in 1906. He cut them apart, and the left stamp, bearing the "PEM" part of the postmark, was sold at auction in London that year. It found its way into the collection of Col. John. S. O'Meara of Montreal, a Canadian specialist.

The righthand stamp, with the "BINA" part of the postmark, turned up in a New York auction about 1921 and was acquired by Dr. Lewis L. Reford of Montreal, who formed a famous collection of British North America stamps.

Colonel O'Meara and Dr. Reford were close friends, and incidentally both were members of the Royal Philatelic Society of London. One day in 1936 when they were looking at each other's stamps. Dr. Reford noticed the "PEM" cancellation on Colonel O'Meara's 7½-pence green. This intrigued him because he remembered his own 7½-pence with its "BINA" marking. He put the two stamps beside each other and found that edges and cancellation matched, leaving no doubt that this was a severed pair.

The men agreed that the pair should be reunited, and decided to draw for the ownership, the loser to receive a certain sum of money. Dr. Reford won and the pair became a cherished showpiece in his collection.

When Dr. Reford died in 1950, his vast collection was sent to Harmer, Rooke & Co. in New York to be auctioned (it realized more than $254,000), but the Pembina Pair was withheld by Mrs. Reford, who wrote to Colonel O'Meara:

"I have kept 'Pembina' aside as it is not to be sold to anyone, not even to you, but I would like you to accept it as a remembrance of Lewis. I know it is what he would wish me to do. He would tell me when you used to bring your stamp up, and had many a good laugh over it. It was one stamp that I knew about, and the pleasure it gave to you both. It was strange how they came together.

"I would like to feel that 'the Twins' were going 'home,' and know they will give you a great deal of pleasure."

The Colonel's reply included these words:

"I would take my stamp troubles to Lewis and his diagnosis of each and solution to all were such that I always left informed, relieved and happy. Now I go by the U.T. building with a heavy heart, but have the consolation of having been counted a friend of Lewis'.

"As to 'Pem' and 'Bina,' our 'twins' as we called them, he really was the one responsible for bringing them together, though late in their existence. And now, through your thoughtfulness and kindness, they will not again be separated but remain with one of the foster parents . . . I want you to know my 'Thank you' is a very real 'Thank you.' They will always remain with me as a reminder, not that one is needed, of a rare and lasting friendship and of a very gracious donor."

Two years later Colonel O'Meara died and the pair was purchased by Paul H. Dolbec of Quebec.

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The CBC Stamp Club celebrated its sixth anniversary and its 311th consecutive broadcast when it conducted its weekly session Saturday, Feb. 4.

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Although the Club is only heard in Canada and some parts of the U.S., word of its activities are made available to stamp enthusiasts in other countries by the International News Service, with the result that the Club now has a Pen Pal service and corresponds with collectors from all over the world. President Doug Patrick has been able to amass some of the rarest stamps available from Papua, or New Guinea this way.

The Club was originally started for children, but the demand by adults to be included, too, became so great that it was soon expanded and now numbers an even distribution of adults and children among its 32,000 members.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Davidson, Sask.,
Jan. 25, 1956.

A. L. McCready,
Popular Stamps,
Cobden, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I was interested in "What's The Score" in Popular Stamps, January, 1956, issue.

Canada's first postal establishment as a government institution was set up in Halifax, N.S., 1755.

Enclosed is a copy of a postal notice in the "Times" or "Coup Du Tems" printed in Quebec, 1795. This copy of The Coup Du Tems is in my possession and I am given to understand that this is the earliest post office notice published in Canada. Can any of your readers find an earlier post office notice.

The above mentioned notice is in English and French of which I enclose the English copy.—M.H.

The notice follows:

No. 25

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TIMES

Cours Du Tems

Monday, January 19, 1795

General Post Office—Quebec, 12th January, 1795

The ordinary winter mail for Upper Canada will be closed at this office on Thursday the 29th instant at four o'clock in the evening, and at Montreal on Saturday following.

Letters for all settlements from Point au Baudet & Kingston, and for Oswego, Niagara, and Detroit, may be sent by this conveyance.

Hugh Finlay,
Deputy Postmaster General.

TIME TAKES A BEATING

We stamp collectors are always looking for oddities. And editors have their ear to the ground for unusual news items. Popular Stamps is printed in the same office as The Cobden Sun, weekly newspaper serving its constituency. It's editor the other day brought to our attention an item sent in by one of The Sun's country correspondents which took us back to our own newspaper days and the thrill it gave us to scoop up one of these oddity contributions.

The Sun's correspondent reports that a Mrs. Derwood Bennett of Queen's Line while visiting her sister, Mrs. Ira Byce of Grant's Settlement, last fall, lost her bracelet wrist watch. It was one of those cute little timepieces about an inch long and a little over a half inch wide with an expansion bracelet of about the same width. Toward the end of January a chicken was killed on the Byce farm and in being dressed for culinary purposes the watch was found in the chicken's gizzard.

Now most of our reader's are city people and probably not too familiar with farms and the fowl to be found around the farmyard, but we know

they are familiar with the size of a chicken; it's excellence for the dinner table and no doubt know something about a chicken's anatomy. Thus, it is not necessary to state that a chicken's gizzard is the organ where the chief process takes place in the matter of the fowl's digestive operation.

The lost watch when removed from this intimate organ was found to be minus the bracelet, the crystal was gone, so was the face or dial of the watch, the hands off, and gold plating of the case was pitted and erased, no doubt by abrasive action of gravel in the bird's gizzard.

We've read of ostriches consuming what seemed like incredible and inedible objects, but never before has it come to our attention that birds as small as barnyard fowl have the same proclivity.

Imagine what would happen if a 12d black was dropped in front of one of these omnivorous creatures!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

Have read with considerable interest Holmes and Associates Philatelic Catalogue regarding New Brunswick Tobacco Tax Stamps. I would like to see some of the NBT3 to 6 imperforated. They do not exist. If they do they are forgeries. The second issue was printed on watermarked paper. Thirty-three panes were printed at one time in three rows of eleven panes of four. I own one complete sheet of NBT5 and one row of 11 of NBT3. It was impossible to have imperforate stamps of the second issue because they were perforated at the same time as the printing, whereas the others were done in two operations.—S. G. Ubsdell.

DOCTORED STAMPS

Montor writing in January issue of the C.P.S. Canadian Philatelist sounds a warning regarding repaired, regummed and doctored early Canada stamps allegedly coming from Europe in recent years.

Naturally these dubious items are among the higher priced stamps and not likely to affect the junior or general collector but could disgust a new collector with stamps for life. Many middle aged and refired men have taken up stamps and are investing sizeable amounts in their holdings. To these the advice is given to deal only with known and reliable sources of supply.

Rare items offered at a bargain should be viewed with suspicion. Look out for pencancelled stamps with the ink removed, backs regummed and offered as mint. Often this regumming is too bright, shiny and fresh looking. Some large Queen's have been re-perforated on one or more sides; imperf beavers made to look like the more scarce perforated stamp. Proofs have been doctored to look like issued stamps. And cork cancellations have been faked, especially on small Queens.

DINKY DAYMUS VARIETIES

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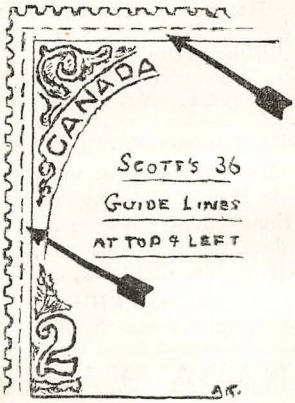

Sketch 374 — Canada Scott's 36 with guide lines at top and at left, segmented illustration on cover. Loaned by Dr. Lewis R. Morse.

SISSONS SALES

J. N. Sissons Ltd. has a sale Feb. 22 and 23 of choice 19th century B.N.A. which will be in action about the time P.S. is riding the mails. It is the "W. H. Woods" collection, the property of W. W. Laird. April sale will be on April 4 and 5. If you are a mail bidding fan I suggest you send $3.00 for their monthly sale catalogs and prices realized lists.

MIDDLESEX STAMP CIRCLE

The annual meeting and election of officers for above Society for the year 1956 was held Friday evening, January 13th, with the following elected: Honorary President, Mr. E. E. Werner; Past President, Mrs. Harry Billings, President, Mr. K. W. Wooster; Vice President, Mr. A. J. Clifton; Director, Mr. C. W. Nichol; Secretary Treasurer, Miss K. Jenkens.

The annual Philatelic Exhibition of the Middlesex Stamp Circle, London, Ont., will be open to the public this year from March 27th to April 3rd.

Located in the London Public Library and Art Museum, some sixty frames will be on view until 9.30 each evening, exception Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

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Election for the new president was unanimous with no other nomination. Following the meeting an auction was held, and an interesting period of trading between members present.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21st, at 8.00 p.m., and all visitors are welcome.

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